NOTES 19: CLT-BASED INFERENCE FOR PROPORTIONS

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CLT: The Central Limit Theorem (CLT) tells us that if the sample size is big enough and the sample is random,

$$\bar{X} \sim N(___, ___)$$

$$\hat{p} \sim N(\underline{\hspace{1cm}},\underline{\hspace{1cm}})$$

The general form for a confidence interval is:

Example: Finding z^{*}

- 95% confidence interval
- 68% confidence interval
- 99% confidence interval
- 90% confidence interval

1 How big is big enough?

Example 1: $\hat{p}=.5$

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Rule of Thumb for Proportions:

- Expected count in each category (Yes/No) should be > _____
- \$np > \$ ____ and \$n(1-p) > \$ ____

2 How do we find the SE?

Standard Error for Proportions:

Idea: As n gets bigger, the SE gets _______. If \hat{p} is close to .5, the SE is ______ than if \hat{p} is close to 0 or 1

Example: ESP Example Again n = 14

p_hat = $\frac{3}{14}$ n = $\frac{14}{14}$ SE_p = $\frac{3}{14}$ c_p_hat*(1-p_hat))/n) z_score = (p_hat - .2)/SE_p p_val = pnorm(z_score, lower.tail = FALSE) p_val

[1] 0.4482

n=1400:
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